

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 18-A: PROBATE CODE**

**Article :**

**§1-504. CERTIFICATION OF WILLS, APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ELECTIVE SHARE PETITIONS INVOLVING REAL ESTATE**

Within 30 days after a will has been proved or allowed, or an appointment of a personal representative has been made upon an assumption of intestate status and where the petition for the appointment indicates that the deceased owned real estate, or a petition for an elective share has been filed where the will or the petition upon which appointment of a personal representative has been granted indicates that the deceased owned real estate, the register shall make out and certify to the register of deeds in the county where any affected real estate is situated (1) a true copy of so much of the will as devises real estate, (2) an abstract of the appointment of the personal representative, or (3) a true copy or abstract of the petition for an elective share, as the case may be. Each certification shall include a description of the real estate, so far as it can be furnished from the probated will or the petition upon which the appointment was made, and the name of the decedent and of the devisees or heirs. In the case of a will, the certification shall also set forth the date of the allowance of the will and designate whether it was probated formally or informally. In the case of the formal probate of a will that was previously informally probated, and of an informally probated will that was subsequently denied probate in formal proceedings, the register of probate shall certify such formal probate or formal denial of probate to the register of deeds to which the prior informally probated will was certified, setting forth the date of the formal probate or denial. The register of deeds receiving such copy or certification shall forthwith file the same, minuting thereon the time of the reception thereof, and record it in the same manner as a deed of real estate. [1979, c. 540, §1 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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